

income of Rs. 70.00 crores under Section 132(4) of the Income-tax Act.

Production of Radars

920. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about the delay being caused in the manufacture of several sophisticated radars due to crisis of foreign exchange;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the number of radars affected on account of non-development of indigenous technique and import of essential components; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to tackle this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) There has been some delay in the production of radars by Bharat Electronics Ltd. due to inadequate availability of foreign exchange.

(b) and (c). It will not be in the public interest to disclose the details.

(d) The Company has been advised to avail of Suppliers'/Bankers' Credit to tide over the foreign exchange shortage. The slippage is expected to be made up by end of March 1992.

[English]

Exhibition of Exportable Handloom Garments

921. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an exhibition on exportable handloom garments has been organised in the capital recently;

(b) if so, the details of the participants; and

(c) the objectives and achievements made in this exhibition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir. A special exhibition of handloom fabrics and items exportable/being exported by handloom development corporations and apex cooperative societies has been organised alongwith another special exhibition showing the items developed by Weavers' Service Centres for the export market for the coming seasons. These exhibitions are part of the National Handloom Expo sponsored by the Office of Development Commissioner for Handlooms, in the Ministry of Textiles now on at Delhi.

(b) The following are the participants at the exhibition-cum-sale of items being exported by corporations/apex cooperative societies:-

1. Handicrafts & Handlooms Export Corporation Ltd., New Delhi.

2. All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd., New Delhi.

3. Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation Ltd., Bangalore.

4. A.P. State Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society Ltd., Hyderabad.

5. U.P. State Handloom Corporation Ltd., Kanpur.

6. Orissa State Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society Ltd., Bhubaneswar.

7. Tamil Nadu Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society Ltd., Madras.

8. Kerala State Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society Ltd., Trivandrum.

The Weavers' Service Centres involved in the second exhibition are those of Madras, Delhi, Bangalore, Bombay, Panipat, Bhagalpur and Cannanore.

(c) The objectives of the exhibitions are:-

- (i) To improve handloom sales at the National Handloom Expo and make the Expo more attractive to the general public, exporters etc.
- (ii) Inform the public and give them an opportunity to see and buy handloom items being exported by Government organisations and cooperatives.
- (iii) Enable exporters and importers to see the rich varieties of handloom items available and act as a catalyst for promotion of exports and thereby benefit handloom weavers.

Both the exhibitions have achieved the objective as these have received appreciation and response from the general public as well as persons interested in exports of Indian handlooms.

[Translation]

Funds Surrendered by States

922. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the department-wise amount of plan and non-plan funds surrendered by each State during 1990-91;

(b) the reasons therefor??; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Amendment to National Highway Act, 1956

923. SHRIMATIDILKUMARIBHANDARI:
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA
GAVIT:
SHRI PRATAPRAO B.
BHONSLE:

Will the Minister SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to amend the National Highway Act, 1956, permitting participation of the private sector in the road construction sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. It is proposed to amend National Highway Act, 1956 to provide for levy of fee on selected sections of National Highways including Expressways. This amendment is one of the pre-requisites to enable participation of private sector in road construction activities.